

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ;  
and he shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Hallelujah!  
Revelation 19:5, 11:15, 19:16

**\*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT**

(The acolytes carry a flame from the altar at the close of the service  
as a symbol that we must carry the message of God's grace  
out from this sanctuary into the world.)

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

***"Christ the Lord is King"***

William H. Faulkner

Christ the Lord is King. He shall reign forevermore. Alleluia!

**\*THE POSTLUDE**

*"Postlude from An Organ Partita on Easter Hymn"* (Hymn 302)

William H. Bates

*Grace United Methodist Church*

**Ministers**

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

**Pastors**

Stephen A. Beutler      Grace Marie Ransom      Rob Ransom  
Larry Newberg,, Visitation Pastor

**Our Missionaries**

Oscar Ramos, Hispanic Ministry of North Indiana Conference  
Jeff Newton, Kokomo Urban Ministry  
Dr. Dennis Marke, Kissy Hospital, Sierra Leone

**Specialized Ministries**

Debbra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse      Phill Montgomery, Counselor  
Pam Lyon, Director of Music      Arlene Buell, Director of Handbells  
Jacque Hunt, Ensemble Director      Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager  
Barbara Hobbs, Organist, Pianist      Carisa Durham, Nursery Caregiver

Our Greeters today are Jay & Karen King and Tim & Susan Garner.  
Our Volunteer Nursery Caregiver is Lee Ann Hughes.  
Children's Church is led this morning by Jayna Beutler.



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

April 16, 2006  
9:25 a.m. o'clock

Easter Sunday  
Liturgical Color: White

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

(The asterisk (\*) designates when the congregation will please stand.  
Worshippers who find standing difficult are invited to remain seated  
**Bold print** is read or sung by the congregation.)

Worshippers are encouraged to turn off their cell phones while they are in the sanctuary.)

**WE GATHER TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP**

**THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(You are invited to sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pads.  
When it reaches the end of the pew, please pass it back so that all may note those worshipping today.  
Cards are available in the pew for those desiring to request prayer or praise  
for specific needs, concerns and joys. Please place the card in the offering plate during the offering.)

**WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP**

**MUSIC OF EASTER CELEBRATION**

*"Prelude from An Organ Partita on Easter Hymn"* (Hymn 302)

William H. Bates

**THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*"The Choral Introit"*

Altar Choir  
William H. Faulkner

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Christ the Lord is risen!

All: **The Lord is risen indeed, Hallelujah!**

**\*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT**

(The congregation stands with the first note of the chimes.  
The living flame, symbolizes the presence of God's Holy Spirit.  
The Holy Bible is opened and placed facing the congregation  
as a reminder that God's Word is open and available to all.)

\*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn No. 302

**“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”** (Stanzas 1-4)

THE EASTER LITANY

Liturgist: Praise God, for He has guided us through the night.

All: **God is always with us – as close as by our side.**

Liturgist: Let us rejoice and be glad! Even our physical bodies have hope.

All: **For God will not leave us in death – just as He has not left His Son in the tomb.**

Liturgist: This morning, we light the Christ Candle to remind us that in Christ is life; and that life is the light for all people. The light has pierced the darkness and the darkness can never overtake the light – the one true Light which is found in Jesus Christ!

(Adriane, Scott, & Emily Riggle shall light the Christ Candle this morning)

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### WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

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THE CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**Almighty God, who through Your only Son has overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; Grant, we pray, that we who celebrate our Lord’s resurrection may by the renewing of Your Spirit arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear us now as we pray, each in our own words and in our own way.**

Moments of Silent Prayer

(Those desiring to come to the altar for a time of intercessory prayer

Are welcome to come and kneel or stand.

All are invited to spend these moments in silent prayer seated at your pew.)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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### WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD OF GOD

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THE ANTHEM

Altar Choir, Brass Quartet, Timpani, and Congregation

*“The Day of Resurrection”* (See Insert)

Robert Hobby

THE SCRIPTURE

Romans 3:21-28 (Pew Bible, page #797)

(Children, pre-school through Grade 2 are invited to attend an age appropriate worship experience in Room #102, Lower Level. An adult will meet the children at the sanctuary exit to escort our little ones to their room.)

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Stephen Beutler

**THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH**

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### WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

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RESPONDING TO GOD IN OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

(If you are a visitor, you are our guest this morning. If Grace U.M. Church is your home, remember that the biblical expectation is that you will give your tithe to your church.

May we all remember that giving to God in response to His great love is the most celebrative moment of corporate worship.

Today’s loose coin offering is dedicated to Relay for Life.)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*“An Easter Meditation”*

Charles Callahan

\*The Festival Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn No. 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION OF LIFE WITH CHRIST

Hymn No. 318

**“Christ is Alive”**

(We invite persons who wish to sing the Hallelujah Chorus to join the choirs on the platform during the last stanza of the Hymn “Christ is Alive”.

Copies of the music are provided for you there so you may sing along.)

\*THE ACT OF PRAISE

“From Messiah: *“Hallelujah”*

Georg Frideric Handel